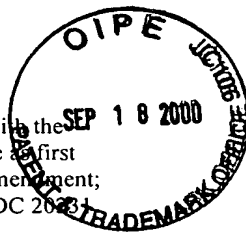


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**AMENDMENT**

**BOX FEE AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2000, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 11-16, 19-25, 28, 32, 34, 37, 41, 43, 46, 50 and 52-57 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A food supplement which comprises a substance which increases nitric oxide production in the body, and[, a source of] amino acids.

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